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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. UPTON].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 2, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable FRED UPTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Thomas A. Kuhn, pastor, Church of the Incarnation, Centerville, OH, offered the following prayer:

On this National Day of Prayer, Father, when we look at our great Nation, we realize that it was You who has blessed us and made us great. That in our faith we know that Your gifts are not for us alone but they are to be shared. In a world constantly torn by war, violence, and injustice, so many people do not get to enjoy the chance for the pursuit of happiness intended for all of Your children. Help us to use Your gifts to make us, in the words of St. Francis, an instrument of Your peace. May each of us work for justice in our own Nation. Help us protect those who cannot care for themselves. Help us work so the rights of each is guaranteed and our Nation is a living symbol of Your peace. Let us use Your gifts and our talents to help others find the peace You intended for all Your people. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). The Chair has examined the

Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 966. An act for the relief of Nathan C. Vance, and for other purposes; and

S.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND THOMAS A. KUHN

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to welcome Rev. Tom Kuhn to the House this morning as our guest Chaplain on this National Day of Prayer. Father Tom is pastor of the Church of the Incarnation in Centerville, OH, just outside of Dayton. He is a former principal at Cincinnati's Moeller High School, and I came to know him over a decade ago when he was the assistant pastor at St. John's Church in Westchester, my hometown.

Father Kuhn is the spiritual leader of one of Ohio's largest Catholic communities. But just as important and not always as apparent are the countless ways in which he reaches out to young people, encouraging them to make the most of God's gift. His work has truly improved the lives of a great many in our community.

Father Tom is well known for his 5-minute sermons, not for their brevity but for his way of bringing issues to a point in a very significant way so that in fact when people leave church after mass, they truly remember his sermons. As this House works for a better tomorrow for America's children, I think it is appropriate that we are joined today on this National Day of Prayer by someone who has dedicated himself to helping our Nation's youth.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in welcoming Father Tom Kuhn.

REPORT RELEASED ON FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I was honored to serve as one of the congressional members on the Commission To Oversee the Implementation of the Family Medical Leave Act. As my colleagues know, I started with that bill and it took me 9 years to get it passed, so I was very anxious to see the report that was released yesterday. I hope Members all take a look at that report.

It is very, very moving, because, guess what? Companies did not run out of jobs or did not have to shut down because of family medical leave. People did not claim family medical leave during the deer season or to go on cruises or anything else. People used it very seriously, for family issues.

When we couple that with the fact that in the last 10 years that has really

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